

Remarks

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40 and 43 were rejected as unpatentable over NGUYEN WO 99/03293 in view of HASHIMOTO et al. 6,263,201, and claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, and 44 were rejected as unpatentable further in view of YI et al. 5,946,632. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that the proposed combination of NGUYEN and HASHIMOTO et al. makes the claimed invention obvious. The Official Action acknowledges that NGUYEN does not disclose that a registered area of a location-limited mobile station is altered to alternative registered areas during a preset time period that is defined prior to entry into the time period and relies on HASHIMOTO et al. for the suggestion to modify the NGUYEN system to include this feature. The Official Action notes that one of skill in the art would make the modification because it would allow for a radio frequency communication system suitable for updating a radio affiliation database.

The claims herein relate to a system in which the location-limited mobile station is allowed to originate a call in a registered area and where the registered area in which the station is allowed to originate a call is altered to alternative

registered areas during a preset time period that is defined prior to entry into the time period.

There is nothing in HASHIMOTO et al. that suggests changing the registered area in which the terminal 32 is allowed to originate a call. HASHIMOTO et al. merely provide a service where a location of the terminal 32 is set in advance so that calls to the terminal will be properly directed to the terminal at its new location (column 10, lines 5-36). There is no suggestion in the reference to modify where and when the terminal is allowed to originate a call. Indeed, the system in HASHIMOTO et al. relates to transmission of text messages to the terminal and makes no provision for the terminal originating calls. Presumably the terminal (if so equipped) could originate calls wherever it is registered, but this call origination area registration is not being changed by the system in HASHIMOTO et al. The system in HASHIMOTO et al. merely changes, in advance, a location to which incoming text messages are to be sent.

Accordingly, even if one of skill in the art modified NGUYEN to include the feature of HASHIMOTO et al. wherein a location of the terminal 32 is set in advance so that calls to the terminal will be properly directed to the terminal at its new location, the modified system would still not include the feature wherein the registered area of a location-limited mobile station where the station is allowed to originate a call is altered to

alternative registered areas during a preset time period that is defined prior to entry into the time period.

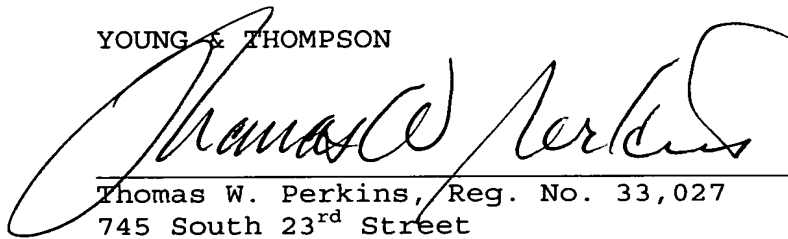
YI et al. do not make up for this shortcoming and thus the claims avoid the rejections under Section 103.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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